

## Equity Sticks

Using "equity sticks" can aid teachers in establishing habits that will help identify which children have participated in activities throughout the day. These can be a Popsicle stick with each child's name in a can or box that is easy to move around the room. As the teacher asks questions, a stick is pulled and the child is called on to answer. Some teachers use an additional container to collect the sticks as they are pulled. Equity—

~~an additional container to collect the sticks as they are pulled.~~ Equity sticks help children understand:

- They *will* get a turn to speak, participate, or share their ideas.
- During some activities, everyone will have a turn; during other activities, only some friends get a turn. By drawing names, teachers ensure they are not "picking favorites" for activities that only some children can do.
- Friends value everyone's ideas and show this by looking at the person whose turn it is to talk.



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